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REMARKS

Claims 5-10 are now pending in this application. Claims 5-7 are independent. No claims have been amended or added by this amendment. Claims 11-14 have been canceled by this amendment.

Summary of Examiner Interview on February 17, 2004

On February 17, 2004, the undersigned attorney was contacted by Examiner Choe who indicated that claims 5-10 were now allowable in light of the Amendment filed on February 6, 2004. The Examiner also indicated that newly-presented claims 11-14 would require further search and consideration if they were to be allowed.

Application is now in Condition for Allowance

In reliance upon the Examiner's indication that claims 5-10 would be allowed, claims 11-14 are now canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein, and with retention of all rights to pursue allowance of claims 11-14 in a timely-filed continuation application.

In view of the above, each of the pending claims 5-10 in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner believes that a further interview would serve to resolve any remaining issues in this application, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number indicated below.

Although no fees are believed to be due, for any fee that may be due with this response, please charge CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22040-00016-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted.

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